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of Sir *Tho: Fairfax*; and therein, all the Lord  
*Goring's* Train, 36. pieces of Ordnance,  
2000. prisoners, 800. horse, with  
great store of Oxen.

*Sent in a Letter to the Committee of both Kingdoms.*

Together with

A Letter concerning the deliver-  
ing up of *Pontefract Castle* by Treaty to the  
use of the Parliament, with all the things therein.

Also, hopes of reducing *Scarborough* by treaty.

*Sent to the Honorable, William Lenthall Esq;*  
*Speaker to the House of COMMONS.*

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Ordered by the Commons in Parliament, That these  
Letters be forthwith printed and published:  
*H: Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.*

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London, Printed for *Edw. Hubband*, Printer to the Ho-  
norable House of Commons: July 25. 1645.

A Brief  
RELATION

The taking of Bridgewater by the  
Parliament Forces under the command  
of Sir John Mordaunt, and therein, all the Lord  
General's Troop, 50. pieces of Ordnance,  
2000. prisoners, 800. horse, with  
great store of Oxen.

And a Letter to the Committee of the House of Commons  
Together with

A Letter concerning the delivery  
ing up of the Parliament's Troop, by Henry to  
one of the Parliament, and all the things therein.  
Also, hopes of reducing the same to the  
use of the House of Commons, William Brouncker  
Speaker to the House of Commons.

Printed by the Commons in Parliament, 1645.  
LONDON: Printed and sold by  
H. Elphinstone, Clerk, D. Com.

London, Printed for Edm. Husbard, Printer to the H.  
House of Commons: 1645.



From Master Samuel Bedford, Scout  
 Master to the Committee of both  
 Kingdoms.

Honoured Sir,

After the Generall had taken  
 this side of the Town, we  
 Summoned the Town,  
 they altogether refused,  
 and fired that part of the Town we  
 had taken. The Generall Summoned  
 it again, and told them they should  
 march away, or else if they would yield  
 on some further condition; they de-  
 nyed, said they would stand it out to  
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the last man: The Generall perceived their fury, sent to them that he would give leave for all the women and children to come out of the Town: The Governour returned thanks, sent his wife and many Ladyes out; then our men shot wilde-fire into the Town and fired it; whereupon, the Governour sent out to the Generall to Parley: Our Generall refused, only he would be mercifull and spare their lives; whereupon they yielded themselves Prisoners: There was all the Lord Gorings train, 36. Peeeces of Ordnance, 2000. Prisoners at the least, 800. Horse, and great store of Oxen.

*July 23. four in  
the morning.*

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To the Honourable William Lenthall  
Esquire, Speaker of the House of  
Commons.

SIR,

WE thought fit the last  
week to Summon Pontefract  
Castle, which caused  
the enemy to desire a Treaty.

whereupon we appointed Col:  
Wastell, Col: Copley, Col: Overton,  
and Col: Bright, or any three of them  
to Treat; and this day it is agreed,  
that the Castle shall be delivered up to  
the use of the Parliament, to morrow at  
eight of the Clock in the morning,  
with all the things therein, save that  
the Officers are allowed to carry away  
what is properly their own, so that it  
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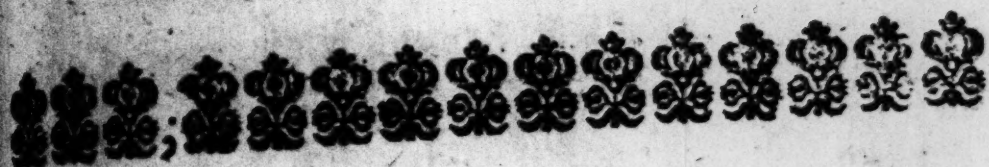
exceed not what a Cloth-bag will contain; and the Souldiers to March to *Newark* with 200. Muskets, and 200. Pikes. VVe consented to so good conditions, because the Plague is very hot in the Country, and especially in that Town, of which some of our Souldiers are dead. VVe are also in Treaty with *Scarborough*, which we hope shortly will be Reduced. Thus much we thought fit to give you notice of, desiring the House may be acquainted therewith: From

*York* the 20. of  
*July, 1645.*

Your very affectionate Friends and  
humble Servants,

*Fran. Pierrepont,*  
*Wilfrid Lawson,*  
*Henry Cholmley.*





Iulii 24. 1645.

**O**Rdered by the Commons Assembled  
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concerning the taking of Bridgewater  
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